

Arlington 2023 Annual Town Meeting — Amendment 2

ARTICLE NO. 12

Dated: 5/4/2023

I, Greg Dennis, do hereby submit the following amendment to the Melofchik substitute motion under Article 12.

In section A.a.i.1., add a new subsection A.a.i.1.b. as follows:

A.a.i.1.b. The Study Committee's investigation shall include best practices of site-specific design, procurement, and stewardship of turf drawn from the experiences of other municipalities. These practices shall include, but not be limited to: the certification and testing of turf components, maintenance plans that extend the turf's useful life, the choice of turf infill, downcycling options for the turf at end of life, recovery and reuse of infill, stormwater drainage with filtration and testing, mitigation of infill migration, and pre-development soil and groundwater analysis reference points.

Commentary

The study committee should investigate, not only potential problems with artificial turf, but potential solutions, too. Communities around the state are innovating with respect to their design and procurement of artificial turf, from requiring additional certification of the turf, to adoption of newer natural infill products, to requiring cradle-to-cradle recycling of the turf at the end-of-life. If we were to go forward with a turf project, the committee should research and inform us how to do it right. This amendment brings the substitute motion in closer alignment with the Board of Health recommendation of a "risk mitigation" approach.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Greg Dennis
Greg Dennis, Precinct 1

Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____